

**Mount Vernon Master Plan
Transportation & Parking Committee
March 14, 2012**

Meeting Minutes:

1. Agenda
 - a. Introductions
 - b. DOT recap of the current status of Parking Study
 - i. Extension of deadline for feedback on Scope of work to Friday 3/16)
 - ii. All comments have been forwarded to consultants-deadline is end of June 2012
 - c. DOT distributed an outline of a typical Transportation Study to initiate the conversation
 - d. Discussion to formalize a vision for the Transportation Section of the Mount Vernon Master Plan
2. Discussion
 - a. Main community concerns (that they wish to see addressed in Master Plan):
 - i. Slow down thru traffic in major internal arterials (Charles and St Paul Streets (N/S) and Preston and Biddle (E/W) by deviating traffic to the outer boundaries of the neighborhood (Guilford/MLK)
 - ii. Convert some streets from 1-way to 2-way traffic, both as a traffic calming measure and as a way to increase neighborhood visibility
 - iii. Provide adequate parking and transit options (work with MTA to look at design standards for bus shelters location)
 - iv. Increase/promote bicycle traffic by adding bike lanes and connect them with existing bike network (Nate Evans, DOT Bike Planner, will incorporate the request into his ongoing efforts)
 - v. Address boundaries issues (perception of physical barriers) at several neighborhoods entry points: Park, Chase, Biddle, MLK
 - vi. Address the overall beautification of the neighborhood by working toward the adoption of a set of design standards
 1. Streetscaping
 2. ADA
 3. Tree pits locations
 4. Lighting issues
 5. Signage/way finding
 - vii. Examine levels of services (LOS) at major intersections to determine possible mitigations (short term/low hanging fruits)
 - b. DOT has agreed to take those concerns to DOT Traffic Engineers and to provide an assessment of what can and can't be done by DOT, and report back at the next meeting
3. Next Steps
 - a. The next meeting of the Transportation & Parking Committee has been scheduled for Thursday March 29th at 6:30pm